
Women's studies scholar to speak at ACRL Sixth National Conference

Catherine R. Stimpson, the founding editor of *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, will speak on April 13, 1992, at the ACRL Sixth National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Stimpson will address issues of concern to women in a "politically correct" environment.

The journal *New Criterion* called one of her speeches a "breathtaking exhibition of politically correct attitudes." Stimpson responds in the Point of View column in the May 29, 1991, issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, "The misuse of the term 'politically correct' or P.C. is a rhetorical virus that has been spreading through higher education and the media so rapidly that it is nearly comic self-parody." Stimpson has been called "left," "dominant," "smug," "intolerant," and "trendy." She writes, "I found an anonymous note in my departmental mailbox warning me, 'Multiculturalism is a fad.'"

Stimpson is university professor, dean of the Graduate School, and vice provost for graduate education at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey/New Brunswick. Now the editor of a book series for the University of Chicago Press, she served as the founding editor of *Signs* from 1974-80. She was the first director of the Women's Center of Barnard College and of the Institute for Research on Women at Rutgers.

The author of a novel, *Class Notes* (1979, 1980), and editor of seven books, she has also published

over 125 monographs, essays, stories, and reviews in such places as *Transatlantic Review*, *Nation*, *New York Times Book Review*, *Critical Inquiry*, and *Boundary 2*. A selection of essays, *Where the Meanings Are*, appeared in 1988. Her book on Gertrude Stein is under contract to the University of Chicago Press.

Professor Stimpson has lectured at over 275 institutions and events in the United States and abroad. Her public service has included the chairpersonships of the New York State Council for the Humanities, the National Council for Research on Women, and the *Ms. Magazine* Board of Scholars. In 1990 she was the president of the Modern Language Association. She is now the chair of the National Advisory Committee of the Woodrow Wil-

son National Fellowship Foundation.

Educated at Bryn Mawr College, Cambridge University, and Columbia University, she holds honorary degrees from Upsala College, Monmouth College, and Bates College. She has also won Fulbright and Rockefeller Humanities Fellowships.

Preliminary program and registration materials for the Sixth National Conference in Salt Lake City will be available in November. The advance conference registration rate for ACRL members is \$135 and \$255 for non-members. Additional information is available from the ACRL office, (800) 545-2433, ext. 2516. ■ ■



Noted scholar Catherine Stimpson will speak on issues of concern to women at the ACRL conference.

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